APPENDIX D

Government Employees Standards of Conduct

The following excerpts pertinent to the use of the Travel Card are from Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2635, "Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch:"

Section 2635.101, "Basic Obligations of Public Service," state the following:

-Public service is a public trust, requiring employees to place loyalty to laws and ethical principles above private gain.

(For example, do not take advantage of the charge card privileges for your personal use.)

-Employees shall put forth honest effort in the performance of their duties.

(For example, abide by the agency policy in carrying out your responsibilities as a cardholder.)

-Employees shall not knowingly make unauthorized commitments or promises of any kind purporting to bind the government.

(For example, do not make purchases with the travel card if purchases have not been authorized.)

-Employees shall not use public office for private gain.

(For example, do not use the charge card to make a personal unauthorized purchase.)

-Employees shall satisfy in good faith their obligations as citizen, including all just financial obligations.

(For example, pay your charge card bill on time. A check returned for insufficient funds does not demonstrate good faith in paying your bills.)

-Employees shall endeavor to avoid any actions creating the appearance that they are violating the law or the ethical standards set forth in this part.

(For example, do not avoid agency policies and procedures for administrative convenience.)